BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-198-E/G - ORDER NO. 98-452
JUNE 17, 1998

IN RE:	Nancy Riley,)	ORDER DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS
	Complainant,)	
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	vs.)	
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	South Carolina Electric &)	
	Gas Company,)	
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	Respondent.)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion to Dismiss of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) to dismiss the Complaint of Nancy Riley (Riley or the Complainant), based on Riley's failure to prefile testimony pursuant to Order No. 98-313, issued on April 30, 1998 in this Docket. We have examined this Motion, and hold that it must be denied. Our Order emanates from our Regulation 103-869 C.

We have examined this matter, and have determined that prefiling testimony in this case would create unusual difficulty for the Complainant. Our Regulation 103-803 states that we may waive our regulations where compliance would produce unusual difficulty. We believe that a waiver of 103-869 C is in the public interest. Even though unusual difficulty prevents Riley from prefiling her testimony, we believe that she, as a

member of the consuming public, is entitled to be heard before this Commission on her complaint matter with SCE&G. Consequently, we waive application of Regulation 103-869 C in this instance, as well as the provisions of prefiling Order No. 98-313, which is based on this Regulation. Accordingly, the Motion to Dismiss is denied.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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